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SUBJECT: MILLIYET REPORT ON RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS

1. JANUARY 28 MILLIYET REPORTED THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL DELIVERED A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN BRUSSELS WHICH EXPLAINED THE TURKISH POSITION ON RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN CYPRUS. THE NOTE, WHICH THE ARTICLE STATES WAS IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER KISSINGER REQUEST THAT THE GOT "EXERT EFFORTS" TO SET AN EARLY DATE AND A VENUE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS, STATED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO RESUME TALKS IN VIENNA ON FEBRUARY 17 BASED ON "NO PRIOR CONDITIONS, AN OPEN AGENDA AND EMBRACING ALL THE PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS."

2. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT MILLIYET BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT MEHMET ALI BIRAND HAD LEARNED FROM "TURKISH UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS" THAT TWO COMMITTEES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED;

ONE DEALING WITH THE TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS AND THE OTHER WITH CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES.

3. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, "TURKISH OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE CONCERNED" THAT MAKARIOS HAS RESUMED HIS "PREVIOUS TACTIC" OF GIVING PRIORITY TO THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE. AN UNNAMED TURKISH OFFICIAL SAID, "WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT ALL PROBLEMS HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER AND WE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THIS IN BRUSSELS. MAKARIOS...WANTS TO RAISE DIFFICULTIES BEFORE THE TALKS BEGIN. NOW WE HAVE DRAWN THE ATTENTION OF THE USG TO THIS MATTER AND WE EXPECT THE US TO INFORM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE REQUIRED POSITION."

4. "TURKISH DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" REPORTEDLY STATE THAT MAKARIOS HAS BEGUN THESE "PROPAGANDA MANEUVERS" AT A TIME WHEN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING COMPLETED AND WHEN A COMPLETE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS. THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT "NATO CIRCLES" SAY THAT "NO MATTER HOW MUCH EFFORT IS EXERTED," THE LINK BETWEEN RESUMED AID AND A CYPRUS SOLUTION "WILL NOT BE REMOVED". IN CONCLUSION, MILLIYET REPORTED THAT "AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ARE POINTING OUT THAT MAKARIOS IS TRYING TO MAINTAIN HIS PRESSURE ON THE CONGRESS AND FOR THIS REASON IS IN A HURRY TO PUSH FORWARD THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE."
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